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Attorney Docket No. 405

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Biao Lu, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/919,779)
Filed: July 31, 2001)
For: METHOD OF PROTECTING AS)
GAINST SPAN FAILURES IN A)
OMMUNICATION NETWORK)

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Attn: Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Applicant encloses the following documents in response to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application dated September 6, 2001:

1. Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application (in duplicate, with authorization to charge our Deposit Account);
2. Petition for Extension of Time;
3. Form PTO-1533;
4. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
5. Assignment to CIENA Corporation; and
6. Recordation cover sheet (in duplicate, with authorization to charge our Deposit Account).

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10

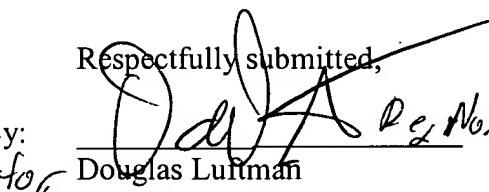
I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the documents referred to as enclosed therein is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 4th day of January, 2002 in an envelope marked as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV051635263US addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Carol S. Parker-Hines
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Please charge the application filing fee, late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge identified on the attached Form PTO-1533 and totaling \$1,152.00 to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to our deposit account. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Dated: January 4, 2002

Respectfully submitted,
By: 
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

In response to the communication of September 6, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended through January 6, 2002 by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed contemporaneously herewith, Applicants submit a Declaration/Power of Attorney for filing in the above-identified application, and a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts. Authorization is hereby granted to charge the application filing fee, late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge totaling \$1,152.00 to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308. A copy of this Response is submitted herewith.

Please associate the enclosed declaration with the above-identified application.

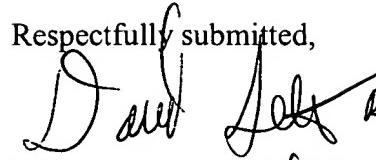
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FORMALITIES LETTER

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$312.
 - \$72 for 4 total claims over 20.
 - \$240 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1152.**

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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